

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 6-34, and 43 have been canceled. Claims 2, 37, 39, 42, 44 and 50 have been amended. Claim 51 has been added. Thus, claims 2-5, 35-42 and 44-51 are pending.

The Examiner objected to the drawings. Replacement drawings sheets are attached incorporating the changes suggested by the Examiner.

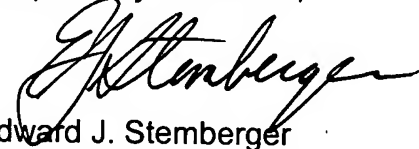
Claims 37, 39-40, 42 and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S. C. 112, second paragraph. These claims have been carefully reviewed and revised bearing in mind the Examiner's rejection. It is submitted that all claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112. Therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. To place this application in condition for allowance expeditiously, claim 2 has been placed in independent form including all the limitations of claim 1. Claim 2 has been further amended to remove the rail structure limitation. Even with this change, it is submitted that claim 2 is still allowable over the prior art of record since the prior art or record does not teach or suggest the container-flatbed vehicle combination as claimed.

Claim 51 has been added and includes the rail structure of original claim 2.

Since the remaining claims depend ultimately from claim 2, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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